BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 1999-303-C - ORDER NO. 1999-600

AUGUST 26, 1999

IN RE: Application for A Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity To Provide Competitive Local Exchange Telecommunications Services Within the State of)	ORDER DENYING MOTION
South Carolina)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") by way of a Motion for Leave to File Under Seal JATO Operating Two Corporation's ("JATO") Financial Statements. JATO argues that if its financial statements are disclosed to the public, including competitors, direct and immediate harm would result to the competitive position of JATO. Public records are defined as official items of information within the files of the Commission which are available for inspection by the public. Public records include financial, statistical, and other reports to the Commission in addition to any other filings and submittals to the Commission in compliance with the requirement of any statute. 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-804 (Y)(1)(b) (Supp. 1998). In addition, "any person has the right to inspect or copy any public record of a public body…" S.C. Code Ann. §30-4-30 (1976). Therefore, we deny the Motion For Leave To File Under Seal the Financial Statements of JATO.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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